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The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 433 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 433 day(s).

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	QUANG V. LE	2622	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 3/10/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-5 to be renumbered consecutively as 1-4.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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/Quang Le/
Patent Examiner
AU2622

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to the applicant's amendment filed on 3/10/2009.

Response to Arguments

2. The following changes to the claims are acknowledged:

Claims 1, 3, 4 were amended by the applicant.

Claims 2 and 6 were cancelled by the applicant.

3. **35 USC 112 second paragraph rejection of claim 4**

Applicant amended claim 4 to correct indefinite problem is acknowledged. As such, the 112 second rejection for claim 4 is withdrawn.

4. **35 USC 102(b) and 103(a) Rejection of claims 1-6**

Applicant's arguments, see page 4-8, filed 3/10/2009, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) **1-6** under 35 USC § 102(b) and 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn

5. **New claim 7**

Applicant asserts that new claim 7 is neither anticipated nor obvious in light of the prior art of record (see page 7 of the argument).

In response to this argument, the examiner has confirmed with the applicant representative through a telephone interview on 6/8/2009 that there is no claim 7 added

to the amended claim filed on 3/10/2009. The reference to claim 7 was an error in the amendment filed on 3/10/2009.

Examiner's Amendment

6. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Garvey, attorney of record for this application on 6/5/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 - in line 14, on page 2,

"A dome type camera comprising: a dome cover; a lens provided inside said dome cover rotatably in a tilt direction; a lens support structure supporting said lens so that a center of rotation of said lens can be moved from a center of a dome to a position apart therefrom in a zenith direction; and

a lens moving mechanism for moving said lens in the zenith direction according to a rotation of said lens in the tilt direction, said lens moving mechanism holding a rotation axis of said lens at the center of the dome in a predetermined angle range corresponding to a direction of an elevation angle, and moving the rotation axis of said

lens from the center of the dome in the zenith direction at angles lower than said predetermined angle range. “

Has been changed to:

“A dome type camera comprising: a dome cover; a lens provided inside said dome cover rotatably in a tilt direction; a lens support structure supporting said lens so that a center of rotation of said lens can be moved from a center of a dome to a position apart therefrom in a zenith direction; and

a lens moving mechanism for moving said lens in the zenith direction according to a rotation of said lens in the tilt direction,

said lens moving mechanism holding a rotation axis of said lens at the center of the dome when the tilt of the lens is within ~~in~~ a predetermined angle range corresponding to a direction of an elevation angle, and

said lens moving mechanism moving the rotation axis of said lens from the center of the dome in the zenith direction, when the tilt of the lens is at an angle ~~at angles~~ lower than said predetermined angle range. “

Abstract – The abstract has been changed to remove the number references as follow:

A lens ~~(16)~~ is rotatably provided inside a dome cover ~~(22)~~. The lens ~~(16)~~ is supported so that the center of rotation can be moved from the center of a dome to a position apart therefrom in the zenith direction. A lens moving mechanism for moving the lens ~~(16)~~ according to a rotation in the tilt direction of the lens ~~(16)~~ may be provided.

The lens moving mechanism may be a cam structure. The cam structure is set so that the rotation axis of the lens (16) is held at the center of the dome in a predetermined center hold angle range corresponding to the direction of an elevation angle, and that the rotation axis of the lens (16) is moved from the center of the dome in the zenith direction at angles lower than the center hold angle range. Good images can be obtained even when shooting in the direction of a depression angle.

Reason for Allowance

7. Claims 1 and 3-5 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding independent claim 1 (Currently Amended), the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest the highlighted limitation and the combination of all limitations required in the claim:

A dome type camera comprising: a dome cover; a lens provided inside said dome cover rotatably in a tilt direction; a lens support structure supporting said lens so that a center of rotation of said lens can be moved from a center of a dome to a position apart therefrom in a zenith direction; and

a lens moving mechanism for moving said lens in the zenith direction according to a rotation of said lens in the tilt direction,

said lens moving mechanism holding a rotation axis of said lens at the center of the dome when the tilt of the lens is within a predetermined angle range corresponding to a direction of an elevation angle, and said lens moving mechanism moving the rotation axis of said lens from the center of the dome in the zenith direction, when the tilt of the lens is at an angle lower than said predetermined angle range.

Regarding claims 3-5, these claims depend on claims 1.

8. Closest references found:

Kutman, (US 4,736,218) discloses a camera support and housing.

Jun; Byung-moon (US 20060017842 A1) discloses a camera enclosure.

Nomura, Hiroshi et al. (US 20030156832 A1) discloses a retractable lens system and method of retracting a retractable lens system

9. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to QUANG V. LE whose telephone number is (571)270-5014. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on (571)272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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